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LB 389, 390, 392, 642, 742A
LR 109

would please.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New resolution, LR 109, by Senator Fisher, a study resolution, be referred to the board. Senator Wehrbein, amendments to LB 392, LB 390, and LB 389. A new A bill, LB 742A by Senator McKenzie. (Read for first time by title. See pages 2064-67 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to this portion of Senator Avery's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Back then to discussion of, Mr. Clerk, is it the first portion of the Avery amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir, Section 1 of what was AM1575.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There are still several lights on. We are now addressing the Avery amendment. I will call the list as it is listed up here. If you wish to address the Avery amendment that certainly is your prerogative, if you choose not to, that, I guess, is also your prerogative. We will not force anyone to speak against their will, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I will speak to the first section because I voted against the Shimek amendment and I think it should remain the way it was. I understand that the language could be clarified. And I hope that by Select File perhaps an amendment is brought back with that language because I do think that it's important that those employees be transferred. When we started this study and even before one thing emerged very clearly, across the state we were told that there were...that it was...it would be very helpful to the Foster Care Review Board, the Foster Care Review Committees, I'll call them that, in each area if a social worker could come, a caseworker could come. Well, they couldn't work that out with DSS because of time reasons and we were told that a lot of the caseworkers would like to come, but it seemed like there were roadblocks thrown up for them, well, yes, no, maybe, and so they didn't feel free to attend those meetings when they were reviewing, when the Foster Care Review Boards were reviewing. The other thing I don't...I want to say...what I'm saying are things in general. But I do think that this amendment is important to the whole question. I don't think the study was wasted. The research people who did this did a wonderful job. I learned a lot about the foster care review system from the